

REMARKS

Applicant's undersigned representative wishes to thank Primary Examiner Hindi for the courteous and helpful interview conducted on August 10, 2005. No substantive agreement was reached during the interview.

As a follow-up to the interview, further amendments have been made to claims 40 and 49. Support for the amendments appears in the original disclosure, including page 6, lines 13-15 and page 13, lines 15-17. The claimed invention should not be limited, however, to the preferred embodiments described in the specification and drawings. Claims 40-49 remain pending. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 40-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Roth. The claims have been amended to obviate the rejection. The claims as amended each recite the step of "pausing said transferring of said encoded information, to stop said record circuit . . . while maintaining said encoded information within said encoder."

The Office Action contends that the "maintaining" step, recited by itself in the former versions of the claims, could be met by maintaining information in the Roth input buffer memory 6 (Office Action, page 3, lines 13-16, referring to Roth, column 11, lines 1-18). Roth does not, however, disclose or suggest the step of "maintaining said . . . information within said encoder," as now recited in the claims, and there are other reasons why the claims should be allowable.

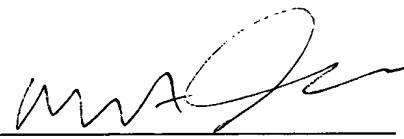
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Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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